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Director

December 22, 2005

Angela Reynolds
City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: Long Beach Airport Terminal Area Improvement Project
SCH#: 2003091112

Dear Angela Reynolds:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIR to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on December 21, 2005, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2003091112
Project Title Long Beach Airport Terminal Area Improvement Project
Lead Agency Long Beach, City of

Type EIR Draft EIR
Description The proposed project would provide improvements to the existing terminal and related facilities at the Airport in order to accommodate recent increases in flight activity at the Airport as well as increases which may occur in the future consistent with operational limitations of the Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance and the 1995 Settlement Agreement. The proposed project includes construction of, or alteration to the following thirteen areas: 1. Holdrooms; 2. Concession Area; 3. Passenger Security Screening; 4. Baggage Security Screening; 5. Baggage Claim Devices; 6. Baggage Service Office; 7. Restrooms; 8. Office Space; 9. Ticketing Facilities; 10. Airline Gates; 11. Aircraft Parking Positions; 12. Vehicular Parking; and 13. Traffic and Pedestrian Circulation.

Lead Agency Contact

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Project Location

County Los Angeles
City Long Beach
Region
Cross Streets Lakewood Blvd. / Donald Douglas Drive
Parcel No.

Township	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways I-405, SR-1
Airports Long Beach Airport (LGB)
Railways
Waterways
Schools
Land Use Airport Land Use, Planned Development; Harbor / Airport

Project Issues Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Toxic/Hazardous; Growth Inducing

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5; California Coastal Commission; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Office of Emergency Services; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; Caltrans, District 7; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Native American Heritage Commission; Air Resources Board, Airport Projects

Date Received 11/07/2005 **Start of Review** 11/07/2005 **End of Review** 12/21/2005

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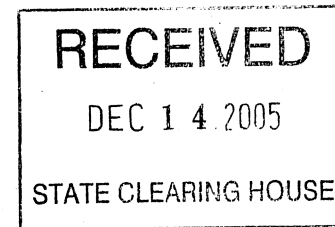


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Long Beach Airport Terminal Improvement Project
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SCH # 2003091112

December 9, 2005

Ms. Angela Reynolds, Environmental Officer
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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project.

The proposed project, by its nature, is not expected to generate additional trips over the existing since the project deals with facilitating the Airport to handle future increases in passengers under the permitted limits. In other words, the project is Long Beach's mitigation to the Airport facility. Nonetheless, Traffic Impact Study is required to assess a Cumulative impact under the Optimized flight level Scenario. For the Caltrans facilities (Freeway 405 and the associated ramps) in the area, the study based on CMP criteria and some assumptions is brief. The study does not clearly state the current level of Airport operation in terms of number of flights daily and number of passengers annually. Using the data from Ontario and Orange County Airports, the study assesses additional trips and concludes that additional trips due to optimized flight levels will not cause any significant deterioration in peak hour LOS over and beyond the effect by cumulative projects through year 2020. The cumulative project list in the study includes much talked about Douglas Park project.

The 405 freeway segment in both directions between Western Ave. in the west and freeway 605 in the east of the Airport, today, runs congested (stop-and-go) during AM and PM peak. Caltrans, earlier, identified this segment as becoming further deteriorated upon implementation of The Douglas Park project. The segment which has 5 lanes (includes HOV) in each direction is in a dire need for major mitigation. Although, in the study it is mentioned that a large percentage of arriving/departing passengers are from the immediate areas, that scenario can not be relied on. Trip origins can change over time and

with the availability of the improved Airport facilities. The City Of Long Beach is in an explosive growth pattern and the freeway facilities (605,405,710) serving the City must remain of concern for Caltrans as well as for the City. A joint major mitigation effort is needed now.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful of your need to discharge clean run-off water.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. Thank you for the opportunity to have reviewed this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 897-3747 or Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to IGR/CEQA No. 051117AL.

Sincerely,

Edwin C. Kampmann, for

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